ARREST AND RELEASE OF MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT.

Madam SPEAKER.—I have received a communication from the Commissioner of Police, Bangalore City, stating that Sri M. S. Krishnan, a Member of the House, was arrested and kept in custody at 10-30 A.M. on 3rd October 1972 under Sections 447, 541, 143, 147 and 341 of the Indian Penal Code.

I have received one more letter dated 25th November 1972, from the Commissioner of Police stating that Sri M. S. Krishnan was released on bail on 7th October 1972 by the Judicial Magistrate, First Class Court, Bangalore, with a direction to appear before the Court on 13th October 1972.

It is also stated that on 7th November 1972 Sri M. S. Krishnan was convicted and released under Section 3, P.O. Act, by the Judicial Magistrate, First Class Court.

Members in black-cloths

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಂ. ನಾಗಣ್ಣ (ಚಿಕ್ಕಪೇಟೆ).—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ನನಗೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ತಮ್ಮ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ನಾನು ಇವೊತ್ತು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬರುವಾಗ ನಂತೋಪದಿಂದ ಬಂದೆ. ಒಳಗಡೆ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಆ ಕಡೆ ಈ ಕಡೆ ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ಕೆಲವರು ಕರಿಟೋಪಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು ಕಂಡು ಬಂತು. ಮದ್ರಾಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಪ್ಪು ಪಟ್ಟಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಮೈಸೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ತರಹ ಕಪ್ಪುಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರತಕ್ಕ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇವೊತ್ತು ಅದು ಶುರುವಾಗಿದೆ. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಕಪ್ಪು ಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಬರುವವರಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಡಿ. ನಮಗೆ ಕಪ್ಪು ಬಟ್ಟೆಯನ್ನು ಧರಿಸುವವರ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE M.E.S. PARTY.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I rise to a point of order. My point of order is under Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, which states :

> "The members shall sit in such order as the Speaker may determine."

You are the supreme authority to allot seats to the members. But what is the criteria or test to allot these seats to the Members? Although we the members of the M.E.S. are four in number, you have allotted seats to us at the last place. But there are many members who have been allotted preferencial seats even though their Party representation is far less than ours. For instance, Sri Vatal Nagaraj is the only member of his party and is an Independent member. The D.M.K. has got only one member here and he too

is allotted a prior place.. So also Sri K. M. Naganna. I have great respect for Sri Naganna but his party, Janatha Paksha, has only two members in the House. Although my party has four members in the House, you have allotted me this seat at the end. Is this justice ? This is not justice. This is not proper or appropriate. Therefore, in protest, we the M.E.S. members will walk out.

(Sri B. B. Sayanak withdrew.)

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I request the hon. member to come back for a while. It looks as if he is too anxious to go out of the House. I do not know why he has resorted to this now.

(Sri B. B. Sayanak returned to his seat.)

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Because the Chair is the custodian of the House, I am asking the Hon'ble Speaker and not the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I know the hon. member has asked the Hon'ble Speaker. I am also addressing the Speaker and trying to bring to the kind notice of the hon. member through the Speaker certain points.

I just wanted to know whether the hon. member has been allotted that seat only during this session or during the previous sessions also. When he has been allotted seat in the previous session, I do not know what prompted him to raise that point now. Having accepted the arrangement made by the Hon'ble Speaker all these days and months, if not a complete year, it does not seem to be proper to get up all of a sudden now and find himself lost or not in his proper position. It looks as if he has made a discovery only this day or this minute. He was quite satisfied with the seating allotment all along. I fail to understand him. It looks as if this point had dawned on his mind now and in winter months the brain works better than in summer months. Any way, my submission is that when once the allotment of seats is made, it may not be necessary to go on questioning it or fighting about it or asking about the propriety of what the Hon'ble Speaker has done. If at the beginning itself had the matter been raised, perhaps it could have been adjusted. Not that I am not coming in the way of the Hon'ble Speaker doing it in the middle of the Session or the term. I think reallotment is not necessary unless there are valid reasons for it.

It may be that Sri Vatal Nagaraj is the only member of his party here. It may be that the Janatha Paksha may have one or two members of its party here. It is not as if this discovery is made just now. Their number has not been reduced subsequently. When

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the session started they had the same number. Even now they have the same number. The Hon'ble Speaker also looks to some other aspects like the experience of some Hon'ble Members in the Legislature. So many other considerations might have weighed with the Speaker when she took a decision to allot the seats. So the propriety should not be questioned. I would request the Hon'ble Member through you that if he has really any grievance, there are several occasions when he can raise it or on those occasions he can walk out. But this may not be a very valid or appropriate reason or proper occasion for the Hon'ble Member to stage a walk out.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—I am a courageous person and I will thrash it out. I am not a timid fellow. I am asking the Speaker whether the allotment of this seat to me at the last place is proper. Let not the Hon. Chief Minister think that I had been satisfied about it last time also. I am not satisfied about it. So I have raised that point. We will walk out in protest. I will walk out.

(The M.E.S. members withdrew.)

Madam SPEAKER.—Sri Sayanak cannot do it. That is not done against the Speaker. Protest against the Speaker is not proper. Now Papers to be laid on the Table.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGAM.—As I stated earlier, we have already represented through the Leader of the Opposition that we would agree for the Question Hour only for the simple reason that members should not be denied of it. But this laying of Papers is not as important as we think.

Madam SPEAKER.—Let these procedural matters be over. There are only few papers to be laid. Let them be laid on the Table.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

SECRETARY.—I beg to lay on the Table a statement showing the Bills which have received the assent of the Governor or the President, as the case may be, subsequent to the report made during the previous Session.